borders with Bangladesh, Bhutan, China and Myanmar. The border with Bangladesh, China & Myanmar are quite porous. In accordance with the provisions of peace and Friendship Treaty of 1949 signed with Bhutan, no travel document is necessary for cross border movement from Bhutan into India and vice-versa.

(b) A series of measures have been taken by the Government to curb the problem of infiltration into India. These measures include, *inter alia,* construction, of border roads, border fencing, raising of additional battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between border outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillance equipments including night vision devices, etc. The matter has also been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh at various levels from time to time.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Assam Accord provides, *inter alia,* that the international border shall be made secure against future infiltration by erection of physical barriers like walls, barbed wire fencing and other obstacles at appropriate places. In pursuance of this, sanction for the construction of 2784 Kms. of roads and 896 Kms. of fence along the Indo-Bangladesh bordere was accorded by the Central Government. 2116 Kms. of border roads and 789 Kms. of fence have been completed upto 30.9.1998.

Anti-India Campaign by Pakistan-Based Militant Organisations

*254. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that militant organisations based in Pakistan have launched a sustaineed campaign to build up anti-India hysteria in Jammu and Kashmir through a number of magazines replete with misdeeds of Indian Government and its exploitation of the people of Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the matter was taken up Government of Pakistan and is so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The Government are aware of the strident and hostile anti-India propaganda directed at the population of J&K being carried out through Pakistani media and officially sponsored clandestine media operating out of Pakistan.

(c) Pakisan's support to terrorism and its anti-India campaign directed against India was taken up recently with the Government of Pakistan during discussions between the Foreign Secretaries of the two countries in Islamabad in October 1998 and during discussions between the Home Secretaries of the two countries in November 1998. The Government have strongly conveyed to Pakistan that its hostile dis-information campaign against India is not only a violation of the Shimla Agreement but it also vitiates the atmosphere of the bilateral relations. The Government have called upon the Government of Pakistan to take measures to stop the hostile anti-India campaign emanating from Pakistan. The Government have also apprised all concerned about the factual situation in J&K. There is widespread appreciation of India's position.

Proposals for wasteland development

*255. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of wasteland brought under cultivation in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of proposals pending before Government for wasteland development and the details of projects cleared during the last two years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government of Gujarat have sent any proposals in this regard during the last two years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) The mandate of the Department of Wastelands Development is to develop wastelands in non-forest areas aimed at checking degradation of lands which are deteriorating on account of natural causes and putting such wastelands in non-forest areas to sustainable use for increasing bio-mass availability, specially fuelwood and fodder.

Because of poor soil conditions and adverse natural factors even after treatment of such lands, planting of fodder, fuel and fruit trees rather than agaricultural operations are advisable on developed wastelands. As such, the programmes of Department of Wastelands Development seek to prevent further degardation of land and to improve wastelands to grow appropriate boimass rather than to converting wastelands into cultivable lands. However, the details of the area brought under cultivation since 1985-86 upto 19-11-98 under the Usar Bhoomi Sudhar Yojana of the Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operation in the country, State-wise, are given in Statement-I (See below).

(b) During the past two years, 64 projects for Integrated Wastelands Development Projcts (IWDP) Scheme have been cleared by the Department. The details of the projects cleared, are given in the Statement II (*See* below). Presently, 58 proposals, at various stages of processing, are pending for consideration before the Government.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. During the last two years , out of the projests received from the District Rural Development Agency/Government of Gujarat, Integrated Wastelands Developments Projects have been sanctioned for the district of Kheda and Junagadh. During 1998-99, under Integrated Wastelands Development Projects (IWDP) scheme, one project for each district viz. Vadodara, Bhavnagar, Sabarkantha and Junagadh (Project-II) has been sanctioned so far.

Other projects received from the districts of Kheda and Junagadh are under process in this Department.

Statement-I

Statewise details of the area cultivate since **1985** *to* **1998** *under Vsar Bhoomi Sudhar Yojna*

Sl.No.	Name of State	Total Area (in '000 ha.
1	Haryana	144.83
2	Punjab	238.62
3	Uttar Pradesh	125.07
4	Gujarat	0.78
5	Rajasthan	2.70
	TOTAL	512.00

Statement-II

Details of IWDP Projects sanctioned during 1996-97 *and* 1997-98

Name of the District	Project Period	Total cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	Total Area (In HA)
**State: AP Chittoor-I	96-97 to 99-00	323.40	8580
Chittoor-II	96-97 to 99-00	331.20	8280
Chittoor-IV	97-98 to 20-01	450.00	11250
Medak	97-98 to 20-01	496.48	12412
Nizamabad-II	97-98 to 20-01	500.00	12500
Srikakulam	97-98 to 20-01	500.00	12500
Cuddapah-II	97-98 to 20-01	500.00	12500
** Subtotal**		3101.1	77527
**State:Arp West Kameng	97-98 to 20-01	60.00	1500
** Subtotal **		60.00	1500
*** State: ASS Karabi Anglong	97-98 to 20-01	245.20	6130
** Subtotal**		245.20	6130
** State:GJ Kheda	96-97 to 99-00	32.48	812
Junagadh	97-98 to 20-01	480.00	12000
$*Subtotal**		512.48	12812
State:HP Solan-II	97-98 to 20-01	499.52	12488
Simour	97-98 to 20-01	499.00	12500
** Subtotal **		998.52	24988
** State:HR Panipat	97-98 to 20-01	478.88	11972
* Subtotal **		478.88	11972
* State: JK Udhampur-II	97-98 to 20-01	500.00	12500
* Subtotal **		500.00	12500
* State:KA Mandya-II	97-98 to 20-01	500.00	12500
Gulbarga	97-98 to 20-01	474.00	11847
Chitradurga	97-98 to 20-01	500.00	1250
Bellary	97-98 to 20-01	485.60	12140
** Subtotal**		1959.6	48987
** State: MA Parbhani	97-98 to 20-01	381.50	9540
** Subtotal **		381.60	9540
** State: MN Imphal (West)	97-98 to 20-01	267.00	6675

Name of the district	Project Period	Total Cost (Rs in lakhs)	Total area (In HA)
e apati	97-98 to 20-01	55.72	1393
Senapati-II	97-98 to 20-01	400.00	10000
** Subto al **		722.72	18068
** State: MP Datia-I	96-97 to 99-00	21.28	532
Guna	97-98 to 20-01	243.60	6090
Seoni	97-98 to 20-01	280.00	7000
Narasingpur	97-98 to 20-01	280 00	7000
Mandsaur	97-98 to 20-01	280 00	7000
Guna-II	97-98 to 20-01	337.96	8449
** Subtotal **		1442.8	36071
** State-NG Wokha	96-97 to 99-00	480.00	12000
Mokochung	97-98 to 20-01	480.00	12000
** Subtotal **		960.00	24000
** State:OR Koraput-III	96-97 to 99-00	7.29	300
Jhasurguda	97-98 to 20-01	288.64	7216
Kalahandi-III	97-98 to 20-01	493.48	12337
Balangir-II	97-98 to 20-01	496.00	12400
Koraput-IV	97-98 to 20-01	481.80	12045
Mayurbhanj	97-98 to 20-07	496.00	12400
Dhenkanal-III	97-98 to 20-01	244.64	6100
Dhenkanal-II	96-97 to 99-00	100.60	2515
** Subtotal **		2608.4	65313
** State:PB Patiala	96-97 to 99-00	22.00	550
** Subtotal **		22.00	550
** State : RJ Bundi	96-97 to 99-00	27.30	686
Jhunjhunu	97-98 to 20-01	168.00	4200
Jhalawar-II	97-98 to 20-01	394.24	9856
** Subtotal **		589.54	14742
** State: SK W. Sikkim	96-97 to 99-00	220.00	5500
East Sikkim-III	97-98 to 20-01	222.76	5669
mor)h Sikkim-II	97-98 to 20-01	480.00	12000

Name of the district	Project period	Total Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Total Area (In HA)
** Subtotal **		922.76	23169
** State:TN Coimbatore	96-97 to 99-00	19.20	480
Dindigul	97-98 to 20-01	200.00	5090
** Subtotal **		219.20	5570
** State: UP Ferozabad	96-97 to 99-00	459.16	11479
Fatehpur	96-97 to 99-00	395.20	9880
Jaunpur	96-97 to 99-00	468.72	11718
Varanasi	96-97 to 99-00	385.80	9645
Etawah	96-97 to 99-00	406.00	10150
Azamgarh	96-97 to 99-00	319.28	7982
Kanpur (C)	96-97 to 99-00	220.40	5510
Unnao	97-98 to 20-01	481.64	12041
Tehri Garhwal	97-98 to 20-01	484.76	12119
Sonbhadra	97-98 to 20-01	404.26	10106
Raibareli-II	97-98 to 20-01	484.00	12100
Unnao-II	97-98 to 20-01	482.16	12054
Sultanpur	97-98 to 20-01	481.56	12039
Jhansi-II	97-98 to 20-01	495.00	12379
Jhansi-III	97-98 to 20-01	400.00	10000
Agra	96-97 to 99-00	491.80	12295
** SUBTOTAL **		6859.7	171497
*** TOTAL ***		22585	564936

Missing army men from LoC in Kashmir

*256. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) wheher Government are aware that three Indian Army men have been missing from the Line of Control in north Kashmir since the last week of October;

(b) if so, whether any search has been made;

(c) wheher there is any chance of those Army men straying into Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) One JCO and two ORs are missing from Uri Sector since